

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. An apparatus for fastening suspenders to a garment, comprising:
 a fastener including a downwardly slanting substantially planar face plate
with an actuating cam face plate member having a raised hip depending cam member portion for
urging downwardly onto at least one first clamping member, such that the first clamping member
is clamped into place against at least one second back plate member, said first clamping member
10 having a needle-like post attached thereto extending towards said second back plate member in a
complementary relation;
 said second back plate member being pivotally attached to the first
clamping member by means of opposed side projections which are confined within openings in
flanges extending upwardly from the second back plate member, said second member having an
15 opening therein for receiving the needle-like post attached to the first member and said second
back plate member being planar and having a plane;
 an actuating cam member including a downwardly slanting face plate and
an integral raised hip depending cam section adjacent to the first member, and said cam member
being pivotally attached to the second member by means of opposed side projections which are
20 confined within the openings of the flanges of the second member, said slanting actuating cam
member exerting a sufficient force to maintain the suspender fastener in a closed position in
operation;
 said first and second members having securement fixtures attached thereto
on the surfaces facing one another, and said securement fixtures having complementary male and
25 female portions which come together and cooperate when in a closed position; and
 said needle-like post being attached to the first member in a
complementary relation to the opening in the second member, said opening extending through
the securement fixture attached to the second member, such that when the suspender fastener is
in a closed position the post remains attached to the first member, extends through both the
30 complementary plates, and further extends through the garment being supported, is received by

the opening in the second member, whereby the fabric of the garment being supported is substantially held fixed.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second back plate member is
5 pivotally connected to the first member by an actuating cam member pivotally attached to said first member over said second member as movable between a closed position in which both members contact and urge the second member against the first member to close the suspender fastener, and an open position in which the suspender fastener is released to permit removal of the suspender fastener from the garment being supported.

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3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least two posts and at least two reinforcements spaced apart in order to provide more support over a broader area of the fabric of the garment being supported.

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4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the downwardly slanting face plate is slanting at an angle of from about 1° to about 40° with respect to the plane of the second back plate member.